GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SURPLUS LAND UNDER LITIGATION
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land declared as surplus under the Land Ceiling Act involved in litigation as on February, 28, 2002;

(b) whether any instructions have been issued by the Union Government to State Governments for early disposal of pending court cases so that the surplus land may be distributed among the beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (c) As per information furnished by the States/UTs, an area of 9.09 lakh acres has been pending before the various Courts i.e, Revenue Courts/Civil Courts/High Courts/Supreme Court. The programme ofmplementation of Land Ceiling Laws inter-alia is reviewed from time to time at various fora including Chief Ministers`/Revenue Ministers`/RevenueSecretaries` Conferences. During these Conferences, a consensus was arrived for setting up of Special Courts/Benches in the respective HighCourts, constituting Land Tribunals under Article 323-B of the Constitutionof India for expeditious disposal of pending litigation cases. The States have also been advised to gear up their administrative machinery and also take legal measures so as to dispose off litigation cases pending before the Revenue Courts, which are well within the administrative jurisdiction of the State Govts.